



AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES  
*of Connecticut*

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE  
REGARDING RAISED BILL 5344  
March 6, 2012

Good morning, my name is Paul Brady. I am the Executive Director of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Connecticut, representing some 85 consulting engineering firms in the state. I would like to testify in opposition to Raised Bill 5344, AN ACT CONCERNING STREAMLINING THE STATE'S STORMWATER GENERAL PERMITTING PROCESS.

The bill would duplicate proposed language being written by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for stormwater general permits. As such, it is unnecessary, potentially in conflict with the DEEP's proposed language and could delay the adoption of the proposed general permit.

Much of the bill describes "qualified professionals" and the need to eliminate conflicts of interest by professionals. Given the nature of the work, the vast majority of the certifications described in this legislation would be required to be issued by Professional Engineers as opposed to other non-licensed individuals. Professional Engineers are already licensed by the State of Connecticut. The Board of Examiners for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors through the Department of Consumer Protection reviews their qualifications, has issued a nationally recognized code of ethics and administers disciplinary actions when necessary.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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